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SUBJECT: U.S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM

1. VIETNAMESE FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH CALLED AT
EMBASSY AT 1200 SEPTEMBER 13 AT HIS REQUEST TO
DELIVER AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM HANOI; OUR INFORMAL
ENGLISH TRANSLATION, WHICH IS NEARLY VERBATIM,
FOLLOWS:

"THE U.S. AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE
UN MADE A DECLARATION WHICH DISTORTS THE NATURE OF
THE CONTACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN PARIS. THIS
IS WHY THE VIETNAMESE PARTY IS OBLIGED TO PUBLISH THE
MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES SO THAT
PUBLIC OPINION CAN BE AWARE OF THE TRUTH.

"WE REQUEST THAT THE AMERICAN PARTY REPLY SOON
TO OUR NOTE OF AUGUST 27 (N.B. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED
TO BE DATED AUGUST 28, THE DATE OF THE DELIVERY IN
PARIS)."

2. DO THANH SAID HE GATHERED THAT HANOI WOULD
PUBLISH THE MESSAGES, OURS AS WELL AS THEIRS, AS
SOON AS THEY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT DO THANH
HAD INFORMED US. HE THEREFORE THOUGHT THE RELEASE
WOULD BE MADE THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 13 HANOI TIME.

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3. DO THANH SAID HE DID NOT HAVE ANY PRECISE
INFORMATION ON WHEN AND WHERE AMBASSADOR SCRANTON MADE
THE REMARKS NOR PRECISELY WHAT THEY WERE. FROM THE
CABLE FROM HANOI THE SRV BELIEVES AMBASSADOR SCRANTON
SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS PUTTING THE MIA PROBLEM
BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN NO
PROGRESS IN THE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IN
PARIS.
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